

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Thursday, April 28, 2011

Hopkinton Town Library Community Room

7:00 p.m.

Minutes Accepted at OSC Meeting May 26, 2011

Administrative

Attendance: Goddard, Kittredge, Taylor, S Zankel, Rob Knight

Minutes from March meeting – approved as presented.

Committee membership – brainstorming possible new members in case Susan and/or Bill decide to leave. Susan plans to stay on committee (at least) until the website project is completed. We need to ask the Selectmen to reappoint Ron.

Dates of next meeting – Thursday, May 26 (community room), Thursday June 16 (town hall)

Old Business

Bohanan -Public Access planning for activity clearing walking route on Burrage Road side of the property on June 4, National Trails Day. Ron still needs to confirm the date and activity with Jamie. He thinks that 6-8 people is the most that can work effectively at a time, which can be recruited from the OSC, cons com and some previous volunteers. Ron will run the chain saw and will want another dependable person as crew boss – maybe Rob (who will not be available that day) or Erick. Further discussion of how to mark the route – perhaps simple plastic arrows from Voss Sign attached to grade stakes driven into the ground? Ron needs to participate in decision about signage. Lucia and Susan plan to walk the route again on 5/12 and locate where they think signs should go, pending approval from Ron and Jamie.

Bohanan Sign – not yet completed and in place

Website update – Lucia provides a handout with a complete list of town forests, map of conservation land, and spreadsheet of properties that might be included on the town wide map for the website.

Town meeting recap

Updates

Rice – still awaiting final review of conservation easement language.

Beyer – NH Audubon has put a different staff person in charge of this. The exchange of information still proceeding very slowly. NH Audubon will want parcel to be surveyed and have a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment. Rob to ask conservation commission about paying for these activities.

Parcel near Brockway/Carson – Ron has not heard anything from the family.

Discussion Item

Revisit Open Space Committee land conservation priorities/parcels – Some types of parcels that the committee thinks are important to pursue for permanent protection: connecting existing protected lands via class 6 roads or trails, ring and loop trail around Hopkinton Village (or more spurs from existing extensive protected parcels), river front lands, the rail bed along the Contoocook, class 6 roads, four specific parcels with agricultural, linking and scenic values. We find that the maps from the 2003 Natural Resource Inventory do not show all of the parcels that are currently protected.

How public do we want to be with priorities?

Other - nothing

New Business – Rob asks if the committee will send a letter in support of 5RCT's application to FRPP for funding to purchase a conservation easement on the Triacca Farm, land that abuts and is used by Dimond Hill Farm. Committee is willing to do so and Dijit will provide letter to Rob.

Adjournment - 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, recorder

Format for adjourning to non-public session: xxx made a motion, seconded by xxx to adjourn to non-public meeting per RSA 91 A:3 II (e) Legal. Roll call: Chapin – xxx; Klemarczyk –xxx; Goddard – xxx; Kittredge – xxx; Taylor – xxx; Zankel –xxx. The Committee adjourned to non-public session at x:xx PM. The Committee returned from non-public session at x:xx PM. Xxxx made a motion, seconded by Xxxx to seal the minutes until the project is able to go public or removed from consideration. Vote unanimous in favor.)